

# **Jack McCormick papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	McCormick, Jack, 1929-1979
<b>Title</b>	Jack McCormick papers
<b>Date</b>	1820-1964?
<b>Extent</b>	2.3 Cubic feet 5 manuscript boxes, 4 oversize folders
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Jack Sovern McCormick was born to James Albert (an attorney who provided legal aid in the acquisition of Pine Hills) and Betty V. Sovern-Smith McCormick in Indianapolis, Indiana on Jan. 19, 1929. He served as resident naturalist at Shades and Turkey Run State Parks in Indiana from 1949-1951 and received his B.S. in Botany from Butler University, Indianapolis in 1951. He married Gwendolyn Adele Terry on Sept. 21, 1951 in Marion County, Indiana and they had two children, James Russell and Wendy Lynn.

He received a Ph.D. in Botany from Rutgers University in New Jersey in 1955. He was involved in the creation of the Pine Hills Natural Area (now part of Shades State Park) from 1955-1961. He worked at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, NY from 1955 through 1961. In 1958 he worked briefly at the Southwestern Research Station of the American Museum of Natural History in Portal, Arizona.

He was an assistant professor of Botany at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio from 1961-1963 and also worked at the Kalbfleisch Field Research Station in 1961. Jack became a curator and chairman of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1963. He was also a member of the Nature Conservancy. He authored three books.

He died in Feb. of 1979.

Information found within the collection.

"McCormick, Jack Sovern". (1974). Indiana authors and their books, 1917-1966. (p. 388). Print. ISLI 016.810 B219I SUPP. 1917-66

"McCormick, Jack Sovern". U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007. Retrieved 2015/12/11. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Terry, Gwendolyn". Web: Marion County, Indiana, Marriage Index, 1925-2012. Retrieved 2015/12/11. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

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## Historical Note

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Shades State Park is located about 17 miles southwest of Crawfordsville, Indiana (off S.R. 47) and offers opportunities for hikers and canoeists. The beautiful sandstone cliffs overlooking Sugar Creek and numerous shady ravines provide the backdrop for a journey through this nature lover's paradise.

Also on the property is Pine Hills Nature Preserve, which affords spectacular topography along a fairly long hike.

Shades State Park. Retrieved 2015/12/012. <https://secure.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2970.htm>

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes indexes, histories, photographs, maps and correspondence from Jack McCormick and the Department of Natural Resources in Indiana ranging from 1883-1970 regarding Pine Hills Nature Preserve, a project of the Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter in Montgomery County, Indiana, and Shades State Park.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: State Parks documents, 1883-1970

Series 2: State Parks oversize documents, 1948; undated

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

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### **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Jack McCormick on 1969/08/27 and 1970/08/23.

### **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

### **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2016/01/22 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2016/01/22 by Edythe Huffman.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Indiana. Division of State Parks.
- Nature Conservancy (U.S.), Indiana Chapter.

### **Family Name(s)**

- Hasselman family

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Montgomery County (Ind.)
- Pine Hills Nature Preserve (Ind.)
- Shades State Park (Ind.)

## Series 1: State Parks documents, 1883-1970

## Collection Inventory

Series 1: State Parks documents, 1883-1970		
	Box	Folder
Index of history for Shades and Pine Hills, 1949-1951	1	1
Indexed information for history of Shades and Pine Hills, 1949-1951 (pp. 1-181)	1	2
Indexed information for history of Shades and Pine Hills, 1949-1951 (pp. 182-359)	1	3
Indexed information for history of Shades and Pine Hills, 1949-1951 (pp. 360-445)	1	4
History of Shades and Pine Hills background, 1883-1962; undated	1	5
Publications featuring the Shades State Park (including scandal), 1909-2015; undated	2	1
Photographs of Shades State Park, circa 1920, undated; list of photographs and letters, 1953-1961	2	2
Photographs of Shades State Park (large), circa 1898-1930; undated	2	3

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Postcards of Shades State Park, 1920; undated	2	4
Lists of flowers and their locations in Shades State Park, 1952; undated	2	5
Indiana State Conservation Commission minutes, circa 1941, 1942 and 1947	2	6
Shades State Park airstrip, 1957-1960; undated	2	7
Planning for Shades State Park; 1947, 1962, 1966	2	8
Pine Hills as state game farm, 1902-1921; undated	3	1
Pine Hills general information, 1927-1969; undated	3	2
Pine Hills dedication, 1961; undated	3	3
Application and correspondence regarding National Historic Landmark designation of Pine Hills, 1967-1969	3	4
Biographies of Hasselman, Hallett, Blood, Canine circa 1873-1961; undated	3	5
Hasselman correspondence and papers, 1883-1945; undated	3	6
Hasselman accounts, 1924-1933; undated	3	7
Hasselman bills, invoices, and legal papers, 1913-1954	4	1



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Hasselman legal papers, undated	4	2
Photographs and postcards of Pine Hills, 1900-1924; undated	4	3
Bluff Mills photography, Joel Deer biography and related information, circa 1910-1962; undated	4	4
Photograph of F. W. Frisz family, undated	4	5
Sugar Creek Dam, 1961-1963	4	6
History of Waveland, Indiana by Virginia Banta Sharpe, 1958	4	7
Indiana State Parks, 1951-1963; undated	4	8
Publications regarding Indiana State Parks, 1954-1956	4	9
Correspondence and papers regarding Pine Hills, 1954-1956	5	1
Correspondence and papers regarding Pine Hills, 1957	5	2
Correspondence and papers regarding Pine Hills, 1958-1960	5	3
Correspondence and papers regarding Pine Hills, 1961	5	4
Correspondence and papers regarding Pine Hills, 1962-1970	5	5

**Series 2: State Parks oversize documents, 1948; undated**

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Correspondence and papers, miscellaneous, undated	5	6
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Miscellaneous documents, 1958	5	7
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**Series 2: State Parks oversize documents, 1948; undated**

	<b>Oversize</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Alamo quadrangle maps, Indiana, undated	OBC127	1
Pine Hills maps, undated	OBC127	2
Shades State Park and surroundings, undated	OBC127	3
Shades State Park Deed Record Maps, 1948/08/26	OBC127	4